

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute on Aging

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute on Aging

3b. GSA Committee No.

807

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

12/01/1987

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 282(b)(16)

13. Effective Date

11/20/1985

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 2 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 2

Purpose

Scientific and Technical Review of Intramural Labs and Scientists.

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Start

11/14/2017

04/10/2018

End

- 11/15/2017

- 04/10/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$7,600.00	\$7,600.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$94,179.00	\$95,968.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$14,083.00	\$14,258.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$3,205.00	\$3,239.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00

18d. Total	\$121,467.00	\$123,465.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.60	0.60

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Section 402(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act states that ...the Director, NIH...shall assure that research at ...the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with section 492. Section 492(b) states that the Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health. This Board assesses the quality of the Institute's Intramural Research Program (IRP) and evaluates the productivity and performance of staff scientists, necessary functions for the operation of a highly effective intramural research program. The Board is composed of scientific and technical experts. The Board continues to provide indispensable evaluations and advice in the scientific management of IRP. In addition to the peer review of each laboratory, the Chair and individual members of the Board are frequently consulted for advice on program development and staff appointments. The Board's crucial role is assuring the continued high quality of NIA intramural research was demonstrated by the reviews held during the past year. In November 2017, the Laboratory of Genetics and Genomics was reviewed. Three scientists were reviewed, no tenure tracks. In April 2018, the Laboratory of Neurogenetics was reviewed. The Board reviewed the work of five scientists, one of whom was a possible tenure.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Board consists of members who are outstanding authorities knowledgeable in the fields of biochemistry, physiology, cell biology, clinical medicine, immunology, neurosciences, behavioral sciences, endocrinology, and longitudinal studies. The advisory role of the Board is scientific and substantive. The Board, through periodic visits to the laboratories and meetings with investigators and program leaders, assesses the research in progress and evaluates the productivity and performance of staff.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Meetings were held in November 2017 and April 2018.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Board is composed of recognized biomedical research authorities from outside the NIH in order to secure unbiased and objective evaluation of intramural research programs. Their recommendations are invaluable because the complex nature of research in each laboratory requires a unique balance and breadth of expertise not

available on the NIH staff or from other established resources.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The meetings of the Board were partially closed for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual programs and projects conducted by the Institute, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, the competence of individual investigators and other similar items. Section 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permits the closing of meetings where discussion could reveal personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

21. Remarks

Missing Member: Peterson, Charlotte, 5/31-/2015 - 6/30/2019; listed in FY 2017 ACR, but missing for FY 2018 ACR. Committee Function: Other - Scientific and Technical Peer Review. Reports: This committee did not produce any public reports during the fiscal year. DFO/Committee Decision Maker: Based on the assignment of responsibilities in this Institute, the roles of the committee's designated federal officer and the committee decision maker are held by the same individual. URL: This committee does not have a website.

Designated Federal Officer

LUIGI FERRUCCI SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR, National Institute on Aging

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
BERGER, SHELLEY	11/26/2017	06/30/2021	DANIEL S. OCH UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
CUERVO, ANA	09/18/2017	06/30/2021	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
DIXIT, VISHWA	11/26/2017	06/30/2021	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
HAZUDA, HELEN	11/30/2015	06/30/2020	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
KOO, EDWARD	06/29/2014	06/30/2018	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
LEE, RICHARD	08/24/2014	06/30/2018	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
MORIMOTO, RICHARD	11/30/2015	06/30/2020	BILL AND GAYLE COOK PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
SWERDLOW, RUSSELL	11/26/2017	06/30/2021	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
WILLCOX, BRADLEY	04/19/2015	06/30/2019	PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
WOODLAND, ROBERT	07/01/2015	06/30/2018	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 10

Narrative Description

The goal of NIH research is to acquire new knowledge to help prevent, detect, diagnose, and treat disease and disability, from the rarest genetic disorder to the common cold. The NIH mission is to uncover new knowledge that will lead to better health for everyone. NIH works toward that mission by conducting research in its own laboratories. Section 402(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act states that the Director, NIH...shall assure that research at...the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with section 492. Section 492(b) states that the Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health. This Board assesses the quality of the Institute intramural research programs and evaluates the productivity and performance of staff scientists, necessary functions for the operation of a highly effective intramural research program.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

NIH supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new ways to treat and prevent diseases.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

71

Number of Recommendations Comments

During each meeting the members evaluate the scientific programs of three or four Laboratories/Branches (every Lab/Branch is evaluated once every four years) and will review the progress of junior scientists at the midpoint of or during the final year of the six to eight year period of their tenure track appointment.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Information on the research funded by NIH is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on the organization and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at <http://report.nih.gov>.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

As part of the reports to the Board of Scientific Counselors, the Executive Secretary presents appropriate remarks regarding actions taken to implement the Board's recommendations and guidance from previous meetings.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

The Scientific Director and other NIH officials use the recommendations made by the BSC in evaluating the quality of intramural research programs including scientific priorities and resources available. No changes were made to existing laboratory research priorities or resources.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A